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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KINGSTON COMMUNIQUE

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION HERE THAT PAKISTANIS HAVE MADE DEMARCHE TO COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES IN ISLAMABAD ON PHRASING THAT PORTION OF KINGSTON COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE REFERRING TO PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH CONTENTIONS OVER REPATRIATION OF NON-BANGALEES AND DIVISION OF ASSETS. WOULD WELCOME RECEIVING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH COMES YOUR WAY.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT: ASSUME TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN RECEIVED. DACCA ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS CARRIES WHAT APPEARS BE INCOMPLETE VERSION BUT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH INCLUDED WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT NOTED THAT POSITIVE STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THE PROCESS OF NORMALISATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH ASIAN SUBCONTINENT. HOWEVER, THEY EXPRESSED THEIR GRAVE CONCERN AT THE IMPEDIMENT TO NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS POSED BY CERTAIN OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS RESULTING IN THE AGGRAVATION OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND THE RETARDATION OF THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION IN BANGLADESH. THESE PROBLEMS INCLUDE THE REPATRIATION OF NATIONALS AND

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THE SHARING OF ASSETS. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED

THE HOPE THAT THE PROBLEMS WILL BE RESOLVED EXPEDITIOUSLY
AND SATISFACTORILY THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES
CONCERNED IN THE LARGER INTEREST OF PEACE AND STABILITY
IN THE REGION."
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